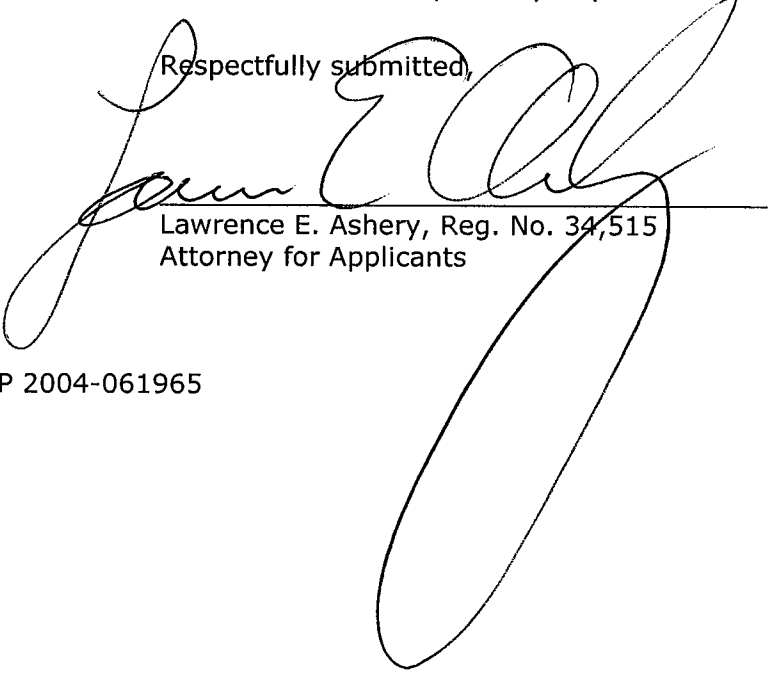


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujii (WO 2003/052840) in view of Watanabe (U.S. 6,153,898) and Yao (U.S. 2007/0164634). Yao has a PCT filing date of April 23, 2004. The present application, however, claims priority to Japanese Patent Application 2004-061965. Applicants' priority application has a filing date of March 5, 2004. Thus, Applicants' priority application predates the filing date of the Yao reference. A verified translation of Applicants' priority application is enclosed. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

This application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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